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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1. (Currently Amended) <u>Process A process</u> for crosslinking oxetane-functionalised, organic semiconductors and conductors <u>which comprises comprising</u> initiating by irradiation in the presence of at least one added onium compound, wherein the irradiation is carried out outside the absorption band of the onium compound.
- 2. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 1 The process of claim 1, wherein the irradiation is carried out at a wavelength at least 100 nm longer than the absorption maximum of the onium compound.
- 3. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 1 The process of claim 1, wherein the organic semiconductor or conductor is oligomeric or polymeric.
- 4. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 1 The process of claim 1, wherein at least one H atom in the organic semiconductor or conductor has been replaced by a group of the formula (1), formula (2), formula (3) or formula (4)

where the following applies to the symbols and indices used: wherein

R¹ is on each occurrence, identically or differently, hydrogen, a straight-chain, branched or cyclic alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkoxy or thioalkoxy group having 1 to 20 C atoms, an aryl or heteroaryl group having 4 to 18 aromatic ring atoms or an alkenyl group having 2 to 10 C atoms, in which one or more hydrogen atoms is optionally replaced by a halogen or CN and one or more non-adjacent C atoms is optionally replaced by -O-, -S-, -CO-, -COO-, -O-CO-,

- R² is on each occurrence, identically or differently, hydrogen, a straight-chain, branched or cyclic alkyl or alkoxyalkyl group having 1 to 20 C atoms, an aryl or heteroaryl group having 4 to 18 aromatic ring atoms or an alkenyl group having 2 to 10 C atoms, in which one or more hydrogen atoms is optionally replaced by a halogen or CN and one or more non-adjacent C atoms is optionally replaced by -O-, -S-, -CO-, -COO-, -O-CO-,
- Z is on each occurrence, identically or differently, a divalent group -(CR³R⁴)_n-, in which, in addition, one or more non-adjacent C atoms is optionally replaced by -O-, -S-, -CO-, -COO- or -O-CO-, or a divalent aryl and/or N-, S- and/or O-heteroaryl group having 4 to 40 C atoms, which is optionally substituted by one or more radicals R³,

R^3 and R^4

are on each occurrence, identically or differently, hydrogen, a straight-chain, branched or cyclic alkyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl or thioalkoxy group having 1 to 20 C atoms, an aryl or heteroaryl group having 4 to 20 aromatic ring atoms or an alkenyl group having 2 to 10 C atoms, in which one or more hydrogen atoms is optionally replaced by a halogen or CN; radicals R³ or R⁴ here optionally form a ring system with one another or with R¹ or R²,

- n is on each occurrence, identically or differently, an integer between 0 and 30,
- x is on each occurrence, identically or differently, an integer between 0 and 5, wherein the number of the groups of the formula (1) or formula (2) is limited by the maximum number of available H atoms of the organic semiconductor or conductor; the dashed bond indicates the link to the organic semiconductor.
- 5. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 1 The process of claim 4, wherein at least one H atom in the organic semiconductor or conductor has been replaced by a group of the formula (1).

- 6. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 1 The process of claim 1, wherein the organic semiconductor has charge-transport properties, emission properties, or blocking properties or a combination of charge-transport properties, emission properties and blocking properties.
- 7. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 1 The process of claim 1, wherein the onium compound employed comprises at least one diaryliodonium, diarylbromonium, diarylchloronium or triarylsulfonium salt.
- 8. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 1 The process of claim 1, wherein the proportion of the onium compound in the mixture is between 0.01 and 5% by weight.
- 9. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 1 The process of claim 8, wherein the proportion of the onium compound in the mixture is between 0.1 and 2% by weight.
- 10. (Cancelled)
- 11. (Cancelled)
- 12. (Cancelled)
- 13. (Cancelled)
- 14. (Cancelled)
- 15. (Cancelled)
- 16. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 1 The process of claim 1, wherein the irradiation is carried out at a wavelength in the region of up to +/- 50 nm of the absorption maximum of the absorption band of the organic semiconductor.

- 17. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 1 The process of claim 1, wherein the duration of the irradiation is between 0.01 and 10 seconds at a light intensity of < 1 mW/cm2.
- 18. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 1 The process of claim 1, wherein in addition to the crosslinking, doping of the layer occurs at the same time by incompletely conditioning and/or rinsing the layer after the irradiation.
- 19. (Currently Amended) Compounds of the A compound of formula (3) and or formula (4)

$$(Z)_{x}$$

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Formula (3)

Formula (4)

where the following applies to the symbols and indices used: wherein

- R¹ is on each occurrence, identically or differently, hydrogen, a straight-chain, branched or cyclic alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkoxy or thioalkoxy group having 1 to 20 C atoms, an aryl or heteroaryl group having 4 to 18 aromatic ring atoms or an alkenyl group having 2 to 10 C atoms, in which one or more hydrogen atoms is optionally replaced by a halogen or CN and one or more non-adjacent C atoms is optionally replaced by O., S., CO., COO., O.CO.,
- R² is on each occurrence, identically or differently, hydrogen, a straight-chain, branched or cyclic alkyl or alkoxyalkyl group having 1 to 20 C atoms, an aryl or heteroaryl group having 4 to 18 aromatic ring atoms or an alkenyl group having 2 to 10 C atoms, in which one or more hydrogen atoms is optionally replaced by a halogen or CN and one or more non-adjacent C atoms is optionally replaced by O.S.CO.COO.OCO.
- Z is on each occurrence, identically or differently, a divalent group $-(CR^3R^4)_n$, in which, in addition, one or more non-adjacent C atoms is optionally replaced by

-O-, -S-, -CO-, -COO- or -O-CO-, or a divalent aryl and/or N-, S- and/or O-heteroaryl group having 4 to 40 C atoms, which is optionally substituted by one or more radicals R³,

R^3 and R^4

are on each occurrence, identically or differently, hydrogen, a straight-chain, branched or cyclic alkyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl or thioalkoxy group having 1 to 20 C atoms, an aryl or heteroaryl group having 4 to 20 aromatic ring atoms or an alkenyl group having 2 to 10 C atoms, in which one or more hydrogen atoms is optionally replaced by a halogen or CN; radicals R³ or R⁴ here optionally form a ring system with one another or with R¹ or R²,

- n is on each occurrence, identically or differently, an integer between 0 and 30,
- x is on each occurrence, identically or differently, an integer between 0 and 5, wherein the number of the groups of the formula (1) or formula (2) is limited by the maximum number of available H atoms of the organic semiconductor or conductor; the dashed bond indicates the link to the organic semiconductor.
- 20. (Currently Amended) <u>Process A process</u> for crosslinking and optionally simultaneous doping of oxetane-containing organic semiconductors, which comprises adding at least one oxidant to a crosslinking reaction.
- 21. (Currently Amended) <u>Process A process</u> for the photosensitised doping of organic semiconductors or conductors by photoacids, which comprises carrying out irradiation outside the absorption band of the photoacid.
- 22. (Currently Amended) Organic An organic semiconducting layers which have been layer produced by the process according to Claim 1 the process of claim 1.

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23. (Cancelled)

- 24. (Currently Amended) Organic An organic electronic device comprising at least one layer produced by the process-according to Claim 1 of claim 1.
- 25. (Currently Amended) Organic electronic device according to Claim 24 The organic electronic device of claim 24, wherein the device is an organic or polymeric light-emitting diode (OLED, PLED), organic solar cell (O-SC), organic field-effect transistor (O-FET), organic thin-film transistor (O-TFT), organic integrated circuit (O-IC), organic optical amplifier or organic laser diode (O-laser).
- 26. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 20 The process of claim 20, wherein doping of the oxetane-containing organic semiconductors occurs simultaneously with the crosslinking of said semiconductors.
- 27. (Currently Amended) A process to produce for producing a semiconductor layer-which comprises comprising crosslinking a layer according to the process of Claim 1 claim 1.
- 28. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 27 The process of claim 27, wherein the layer is post-treated after the irradiation.
- 29. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 27 The process of claim 27, wherein the layer is conditioned after the irradiation.
- 30. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 27 The process of claim 27, wherein the layer is conditioned in a temperature range from between 50 and 250°C.
- 31. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 29 The process of claim 29, wherein the layer is conditioned for between 0.1 and 10 minutes.
- 32. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 27 The process of claim 27, wherein the layer is rinsed with a solvent after irradiation.

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33. (Currently Amended) Process according to Claim 32 The process of claim 32, wherein at least one reducing agent and/or at least one weak base or nucleophile is added to the solvent.